

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Software virus detection methods, apparatus and articles of manufacture are shown. In the preferred embodiments, these comprise review of proscribed code by an evaluative interpreter, which interprets the code in order to review the code for the presence of disguised viral or other code. The interpreted result is then first scanned for the presence of file open, or file modify or other instructions of interest, as well as scanned again for the presence of viral code signatures. The results are reported as desired.